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Lions Club Presentation

October 6



At the September HIISD Board Meeting — Members of the Bolivar Peninsula Lions Club presented the HIISD with a donation of \$10,300. Their generous donation helps fund student school supplies and teacher classroom/curriculum supplies.

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Update on the “Curve”, Highway 87 and Hwy 124



The project for Hwy 87 and Hwy 124 is underway, changing the heightening of the road from 5 1/2 feet to 7 1/2 feet. The curve is being restructured, taking it more inland and away from the shoreline. The plan is to also raise Hwy 87 from Rollover Pass about two miles (east) then 22 inches to Hwy 124. The project is estimated to take about 4 years and cost about \$16.3 million dollars. See Hwy page 34

Bay Vue United Methodist Church
And FOE
Blood Drive
October 5
1441 Hwy 87
Port Bolivar
10 AM - 2 PM

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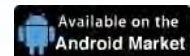


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Our High Island Class of 2019 is trying to raise funds for Project Graduation this year. We understand summer plans, work, and busy schedules. As we are parents who work ourselves. We still need to raise funds for Project Grad, maybe this will help? And, if nothing else maybe it made you smile and laugh in appreciation of how hard fund raising efforts can be at times .We would like to thank everyone for their support. Please help us make this happen! Thanks so much!! If this sparks a donating bone in you , send anything you want to Darla DeMoss , PO Box 246, High Island TX.,77623

Lady Cardinals Varsity/JV Volleyball Schedule

10/2	Spurger	A	JV/V	4:30 PM
10/5	Hull	H	JV/V	4:30 PM
10/9	Deweyville	A	JV/V	4:30 PM
10/12	Evadale	H	JV/V	4:30 PM
10/16	Sabine Pass	A	JV/V	4:30 PM
10/19	West Hardin	H	JV/V	4:30 PM
10/23	Burkeville	A	V	4:30 PM

VolleyBall



Lady Cardinals JH Volleyball

10/1	Sabine Pass	H	4:30 PM
10/8	West Hardin	A	4:30 PM
10/15	BYE		
10/22	Devers	H	4:30 PM

Varsity Football Schedule

10/4	Emery Weiner	A	7:30 PM
10/12	Baytown Christian	A	7:30 PM
10/19	Fruitvale (Homecoming)	H	7:30 PM
10/27	Union Hill	A	3:00 PM
11/3	Leverett's Chapel (Senior Night)	H	3:00 PM
11/10	BYE		

Junior Varsity Football Schedule

10/4	Emery/Weiner	A	5:30 PM
10/26	Damon	A	5:00 PM
11/1	Damon	H	7:00 PM

Junior High Football Schedule

10/4			
10/12	Baytown Christian	A	5:00 PM
10/18	Chester	A	5:00 PM
10/25	Alvin Living Stones	A	5:00 PM
11/1	Alvin Living Stones	H	5:00 PM



Cardinal Calendar

October 5	Rice Festival Holiday	
October 8	Beginning of Second 6 Weeks	
October 15	Regular Board Meeting	6:30

Spirit Week

October 15	Monday - 50's Day
October 16	Tuesday - Wacky Tourist Day
October 17	Wednesday - Favorite Book or Movie Character Day
October 18	Thursday - 80's or Neon Day
October 19	Friday - Maroon Out Day
October 19	Homecoming

**Please stay within dress code and no costumes

Homecoming Events

October 15	Monday - Bonfire	7:15
October 19	Homecoming Parade	2:00
	Pregame Events	7:00
	2nd - 8th Class Favorites	
	Homecoming Game	7:30
	Halftime	
	9th -12th Class Favorites	
	Duke and Duchess' King and Queen	

NURSE on the Beach

By: Connie Ward, MSN, RN

Heart disease is still the No. 1 killer in America. Below are the BEST ways you can boost your heart health and reduce your risk of heart attack and stroke by loving your heart with every meal!

Don't let excuses like: I don't want to give up the foods I love; I'm busy, and cooking healthy meals takes too much time and effort; I don't know how to make healthy choices; or I need healthy food ideas the whole family will enjoy.

Four steps to a healthy heart:

More fruits and vegetables. Two cups of fruit and 2 ½ cups of vegetables per day. Leading the list: blueberries, cantaloupe, oranges, strawberries, sweet potatoes, asparagus, broccoli, red cabbage, spinach and bell peppers. (One serving size is equivalent to a tennis ball).

Dish out proper portions. This important step will prevent from overeating and gaining weight from excess calories. Sizes: 1 cup = tennis ball * ½ cup = computer mouse * 1 ounce = 4 dice

3 ounces = a deck of cards for meat * 2 tablespoons = ping pong ball for sour cream, peanut butter, cream cheese.

Healthier fats, Less sodium (salt)

Cut back on saturated and trans fats!!! NOW. These fats are lining your blood vessels with fats that turn into plaque. (Like the cement they chip off your teeth at the dentist's office). Yuk!

An example of the bad fats is: butter, lard, cream, shortening, bacon fat grease, fatty meat, deep fried foods. Replace these with healthier fats like polyunsaturated or monosaturated fats.

Cook with olive or canola oil instead of margarine or butter. Eat fish, like salmon and tuna twice a week. Add sliced avocado to your sandwich instead of cheese. Sprinkle nuts or flaxseed on your salad instead of bacon bits. Make this a goal and stick to it. Olive oil can be used in place of butter or margarine on toast or bread.

Check labels.

Calories per serving.

Fats: choose foods that get less than one-third of their calories from fat.

Sodium: Seventy percent of consumed salt comes from packaged foods, processed foods, and restaurant food. Pick products that have low salt/sodium content. Aim for 140mg or less. Lemon, vinegars, red or white wine can substitute for salt on your food.

Fiber: Get at least 25-38 grams per day. Your colon will thank you.

Sugars: Watch for high amounts of added sugar, fructose, corn syrup, sucrose or glucose they are all sugar. Many juices contain as high as 38mgs of sugar. This is way too much.

If you want to lose weight, eat and drink fewer calories, and be more physically active! The table below can help you lose ½ - 2 pounds per week.

Current Weight	Daily Calorie Goal
Under 200 lbs.	1200 - 1500 calories a day
200 - 225 lbs.	1500 - 1800 calories a day
226 - 250 lbs.	1800 - 2000 calories a day
251 - 300 lbs.	2000 - 2500 calories a day
300 - 350 lbs.	2500 - 3000 calories a day
Over 350 lbs.	See a MOVE Dietician

Don't forget to walk whenever possible on that beautiful beach! Spring is coming and much more sun!

See you next month for more health tips!

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

October 14, 2018

In Heaven animals will be restored, "to a higher degree...than they ever enjoyed."

John Wesley

Pastor Valerie Hudson is inviting animals of all faiths, and their human friends, to a special worship service on October 14, 2018. The BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS will be held in Fellowship Hall of Bay Vue United Methodist Church at 9:00 AM.

Reverend Hudson writes that St. Francis of Assisi believed, in addition to human beings, animals are a treasured part of God's creation. Francis introduced this idea of blessing the animals about 800 years ago as a way of honoring God's creations. He had a great affection for the animals. Tradition tells us that he created the first nativity scene including animals in the telling of the story of the Christ child's birth.

This service is to thank God for the animals around us, especially the pets that people hold dear. People will be invited to have a blessing said over their pets during the service.

All pets should be on a leash or in a carrier. Large animals are welcome, and the blessing of those animals will continue in the outside area. BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS is open to EVERYONE, and all attendees are welcome to remain afterwards for a special time of fellowship and food. Pets will have their own table of goodies.

Please plan to come to this wonderful and meaningful event. We will all be blessed!

"If there are no dogs in Heaven, then when I die I want to go where they went."

Will Rogers

In reference to cleaning the beaches on the Bolivar Peninsula: Turtle Island Restoration Network

Joanie Steinhaus
Program Director, Gulf of Mexico

The tire tracks and movement on the beach make it impossible to locate a nesting turtle tracks.

Anyone working on the TX coast must have state and federal permits to work in the agencies jurisdiction.

The GLO manages the dunes, USFWS the land from the dune to the mean high tide line and the USACE the mean high tide line to the active water line.

Hand picking of trash is all that is permitted by the City of Galveston, so this is normal practice.

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GHOST ON THE COAST HALLOWEEN BASH



SATURDAY OCTOBER 27

AT THE BIG STORE

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS AND CONTRIBUTIONS.

PLEASE SIGN UP IN THE HARDWARE DEPARTMENT. THANKS!!

YOU ARE INVITED TO ENTER AND JOIN IN OUR FUN

The Beach Bum and a young guy are pushing their carts around The Big Store when they collide. The Bum says to the young guy, "Sorry about that. I'm looking for my wife, and I guess I wasn't paying attention to where I was going."

The young guy says, "That's OK, it's a coincidence. I'm looking for my wife, too. I can't find her and I'm getting a little desperate."

The Bum says, "Well, maybe I can help you find her... what does she look like?"

The young guy says, "Well, she is 27 years old, tall, with red hair, blue eyes, is well rounded, with long legs, and is wearing a mini skirt. What does your wife look like?"

To which the Bum says, "Doesn't matter, let's look for yours."

The Beach Bum says I came from a family where grave is considered a beverage.

A week after the Beach Bum bought a bull, he complained to his friend, "All that bull does is eat grass. Won't even look at a cow."

"Take him to the vet," his friend suggested.

The next week, the Bum is much happier. "The vet gave him some pills, and the bull serviced all of my cows!" he told his pal. "Then he broke through the fence and bred with all my neighbor's cows! He's like a machine!"

"What kind of pills were they?" asked the friend.

"I don't know, but they've got a peppermint taste."

The biggest loser at the weight-loss club was the Beach Bum's wife. "How'd you do it?" She was asked. "Easy," she said. "Every night I take my teeth out at six o'clock."

Recently I sat in a restaurant watching two older men go at it. It quickly grew heated as The Beach Bum declared, "I'm so mad, I'm taking you off my pallbearer list!"

The Beach Bum was sipping a beer when he confessed to his grandson he'd drunk more than usual the day before. "What's more than usual?" The grandson asked.

"A case."

"You can drink a case in a day?!"

"Well," the Bum grumbled defensively, "it doesn't take all day."

After months of fruitless searching, the Beach Bum's wife ran across a job in the want ads that she knew she was qualified for. The posting read "Position may be filled by male or female only."



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Please be on time so that we stay on schedule.

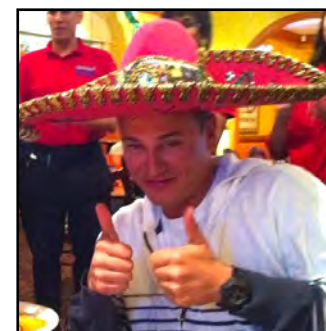
Date: 10/08/2018 (Mon.)

Location: Crenshaw School
SignUpGenius, Inc.



Trent Hammond is enjoying the rainy weather. Many locals used their imagination to make a fun day out of a rainy day and another rainy day and another and who's building the Ark?

**Happy Birthday!
Trent Hammond
October 11**



**Happy Birthday!
Tim Godchaux
October 2**



Fall and Christmas Gallery Sale Dates...

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Local Artists-

Cat Holtzclaw, Glen Cernosek and Terry Stokes Just To Name A Few....
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October 13th, 11am-3pm**

**Black Friday/Christmas Sale
November 23rd and 24th, 11am-3pm**



BOLIVAR PENINSULA CULTURAL FOUNDATION ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Annual membership fee is \$20. Calendar year is January to December.
Submit application soon with check made payable to the
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The annual meeting will be held in the 4th quarter of each year.
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**Dear Bolivar Peninsula Cultural Foundation
Members and other interested people,**

It is the hope of the BPCF Board to get some input on functions and dates for the upcoming year. Everyone is busy, as usual, in the summer so now that fall is here, it's a good time to be thinking about future activities. We would like to hear from you.

Our mission is to promote Art, History, & Music in our community. With that in mind, we usually sponsor an art show. It is our hope to continue with this project and we need your help.

Our history mission in the past was the Jane Long Festival. We are hopeful now that everyone know her name and about her ties to the peninsula. We are now focusing on promoting a Lighthouse project. We have commissioned an artist to create a 6 ft and a 3 ft replica of the Lighthouse that can be used to make a mold for concrete status. It was our goal to have these placed at every business and hopefully many residences. What better way to symbolize our past and current pride in our community! We will have an update in late October on our project.

The "Wine Tastings" we have sponsored in the past have always been well attended and we intend to offer these every year. We need your help!

Our bird seminars have been a huge success with the help of Victor Emmanuel who has brought the migratory birds to life for us. I hope you will join us in the spring.

If you would like to join and/or volunteer your time or if you have suggestions, please contact us! A membership form is below. You can mail your check to BPCF, PO Box 314, Port Bolivar, TX 77650 or contact our membership chairman, Brenda Flanagan, at brendaflanagan57@gmail.com. If you join now, your membership will extend through December 31, 2019! What a deal!

We look forward to a fulfilled year and we want YOU to join us! Upcoming dates to put on your calendar include:

- Dec. 2** - Lighthouse unveiling! 2:00pm Stingaree
 - Dec. 13** - Membership Drive and Christmas Party @ the home of Judy and Macon Ware. 4-6:30
 - Jan. 31** - Tour Bryan Museum in Galveston (details to follow)
 - March - Date TBA** Art Show and Wine
 - April** - Birding. Date & place TBA
- Please come join us! We look forward to hearing from you!*

**Sincerely,
Judy Ware
President, Bolivar Peninsula Cultural Foundation
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Bolivar Peninsula Special Utility District

Minutes of the Regular Meeting, August 14, 2018

Directors Present: George Strong, Vice President; DJ Hutchinson; Wayne Turk; Dennis Stafford; Hollis Gassen, President; Maria Skewis, Secretary; Kurt Ploeger

Staff Present: Jo E. Ball, General Manager; Donald Crawford, Field Manager; Barbara Cowie, Office Manager; Clifford Howard, Plant Manager

Others Present

Item 1 Call to Order: At 6:00 PM President, Hollis Gassen, declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order.

Item 2 Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. George Strong and cited by all present. Afterwards, a moment of silence was observed.

Item 3 Approve minutes of the July 10, 2018 General Meeting:
A motion was made by George Strong and seconded by Wayne Turk to approve the July 10, 2018 meeting minutes as presented. Motion unanimously passed.

Item 4 Committee Reports:
Audit & Finance: Mr. Dennis Stafford reported the Audit and Finance Committee had met earlier today and reviewed the District's invoices, check registers and bank statements for July and found everything to be in order.

Item 5 Public Comments: There were no public comments.

Item 6 Manager's Report: The manger's report was presented by Mr. Jody Ball and the following items were reported and/or discussed:

1) A Review of Trial Balance, Comparative Budget Report and Account Balance Summary List: The Board reviewed the Trial Balance Report, Comparative Budget Report and the Account Balance Summary through July and found everything to be in order.

2) Review System Operational Reports:

* District Water Losses. The District experienced a four-month average water loss through July of 8% and a 2.5% water gain for July.

* The District has 4,991 active accounts through July. In July, 0 accounts were liquidated and 39 were shut-off for non-payment.

* Total water sales for July were \$334,940.25

* Average monthly water bill for July is \$67.11 and 2018 average is \$62.00.

* Water pumped was 41.4M gallons and water sold was 29.5M gallons with a loss difference of 11.9M gallons. There were 5 leaks repaired.

* There was 0 reportable accident/incident.

3) Review current infrastructure projects: Type to enter text
Progress continues with the GLO and county on the District's new elevated water tower project at the Singing Sands plant.

4) Rollover Pass: There is no additional information available. 5) Personnel: Fully staff.

6) Finances: Net income for July is -\$39,004. Contributing to the lost was an \$117,082 bond interest payments made during July. Emergency repairs are continuing following a lightning strike that damaged the District's telephone system, computer systems, computers, elevator, security system and fire suppression system. An insurance claim will be filled once the District receives all the repair invoices.

Item 7 Discussion and possible action to approve attendance at TRWA District's conference:

Two to three District employees will attend the conference.

Item 8 Update and possible action on LNVA quarterly meeting:
BPSUD will meet quarterly with LNVA to improve communications with the second meeting held in early August. A review of LNVA's Major Maintenance Projects expense projections through 2022 was conducted. These projects are estimated to total \$1,131,900 with the cost for one project remaining to be priced.

Item 9 Directors comments regarding future committee meetings 1) Audit and Finance Committee. None.
2) Personnel and Policy. None.
3) Plant and Product. None.
4) Public Relations Committee. None.

Item 10 Directors Comments regarding future agenda items:

1) Crystal Dunes subdivision
2) Update of Service Policy & Procedure manual to include fees for credit card returns
3) Update expense forecasts to include LNVA information
4) Quarterly Investment Report
5) Budget Review

Item 11 Set the Date for the Next Meeting:
Next meeting date is set for September 11, 2018.

Item 12 Adjournment: A motion was made by Maria Skewis and seconded by Wayne Turk to adorn the meeting at 7:04 PM. The motion unanimously passed.

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October 14

Happy Birthday!
Derek Blume
October 16

Happy Birthday!
Steven Smith
October 25

Happy Birthday!
Bambi Mota
October 14

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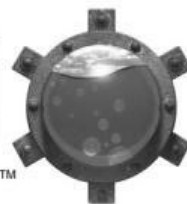
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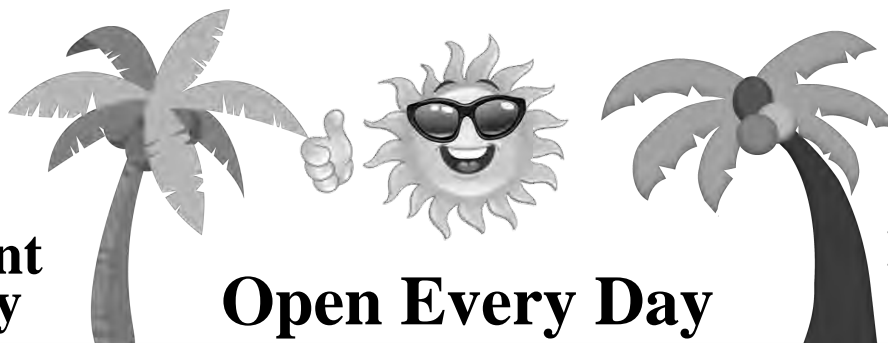
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Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Galveston County Emergency Services District No. 2

A regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Galveston County Emergency Services District No. 2 (the "District") was called for at 6:00 p.m. on August 15, 2018, at the Crystal Beach Fire Station, 930 Noble Carl Road, Crystal Beach, Texas 77650, pursuant to notice duly posted according to law.

The Meeting was called to order at approximately 6:00 pm, and the roll was called of the duly constituted officers and members of the Board, to wit:

Sid Bouse	President
Kate Newberry	Vice President
John Lee, Jr.	Secretary
George Strong	Treasurer
Larry Flanagan	Commissioner

All of. Said Board members were present, thus constituting a quorum. Also present at the meeting were Doug Saunders, District Manager; Georgia Osten, District Administrative Assistant; Joshua Heinze of Benckenstein & Oxford, LLP, attorney for the District: and, the individuals listed on the attendance log.

Upon establishing that a quorum was present, President Bouse directed the Board to Agenda Item No. 3, at which time the Board members and others in. Attendance said the U.S, and Texas pledges of allegiance.

After postponing the public comment under Agenda Item No. 4 until the end of the meeting, the Board moved along to Agenda Item No. 5 regarding the District's Manager's report and the monthly run reports and other information and materials submitted by PEMSI and the VFDs. Mr. Saunders reviewed his Manager's Report with the Board, a copy of which is attached hereto. The Board then reviewed the departments' monthly run reports, along with the PEMSI Director's Report, and discussed same with the department representatives present.

The Board was then directed to Agenda Item No. 6 for review of the proposed Minutes for the July 18, 2018 regular meeting and the July 28, 2018 special meeting. Upon motion by Vice President Newberry and seconded by Assistant Treasurer Flanagan, the Board unanimously approved the proposed meeting minutes.

The Board then moved along to Agenda Item No. Y, at which time Treasurer Strong reviewed Crystal Beach VFD's proposed budget amendment (No. CB 18-006) with the Board, which decreased the Vehicle Maintenance expense line time (4900) and increased the Building Maintenance expense line item (4700) by \$1,000.00. Upon motion by Treasurer Strong and seconded by Vice President Newberry, Budget Amendment No. CB 19-006, a copy of which is attached, was attached unanimously approved. Treasurer Strong then reported that the District's Texas First Bank checking account balance was \$672,841.01 as of July 31, 2018 and \$810,652.25 as of August 14, 2018, and the District's Texas First Bank savings account balance was \$601,704.78 as of July 31, 2018 and August 14, 2018, as reflected on the bank statements and other financial reports.

Next, the Board's attention was directed top Agenda Item No. 8, at which time Treasurer Strong provided the Board with an update on the Budget preparations and highlights from the Curren draft budget. He also advised that the 2018 effective tax rate of \$0.083741 should be sufficient to meet the District's budgetary needs. The Board also decided to hold a budget workshop on August 22, 2018, and Mr. Heinze will prepare an agenda for same.

President Bouse then directed the Board to Agenda Item No. 9 for payment of the District's bills and department reimbursement requests. Treasurer Strong reviewed with the Board the various District bills presented for approval and payment, which are reflected in the transaction ledgers. Additionally, the Board reviewed and discussed the expenditures submitted by PEMSI and the VFDs for reimbursement, as reflected in the departments' invoices and ledgers. Upon motion by Treasurer Strong and seconded by Secretary Lee, the District bills presented for approval and payment (Check Nos. 1843-1852, plus the

See ED2 page 33



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Coast Guard rescues 3 adults, 2 teenagers from capsized vessel near Crystal Beach, Texas



HOUSTON — The Coast Guard rescued three adults and two teenagers from the water approximately 2 miles offshore of Crystal Beach, Texas, Saturday, September 8.

Galveston County Sheriff's Office contacted Coast Guard Sector Houston-Galveston watchstanders to report a capsized vessel with five people clinging to the hull.

Sector Houston-Galveston watchstanders diverted an Air Station Houston MH-65 Dolphin helicopter aircrew and the Coast Guard Cutter Sea Horse and launched a Station Galveston 45-foot Response Boat-Medium boat crew.

"Thanks to prompt notification and coordination from Galveston County Sheriff's Office, we were able to rapidly divert the Coast Guard Cutter Sea Horse and our Air Station Houston helicopter, while simultaneously launching a response boat from Station Galveston to ensure rescue assets were on scene within minutes of

the vessel capsizing," said Lt. Cmdr. Jarod Toczko, search and rescue mission coordinator at Sector Houston-Galveston.

Once on scene, the crew of the MH-65 deployed a rescue swimmer to check on the condition of the survivors. The crew of the Coast Guard Cutter Sea Horse then arrived on scene and recovered all five individuals from the water.

The survivors were transferred to Station Galveston's RB-M where they were transported to Station Galveston. No medical assistance was requested.

"I am extremely proud of our crew for their quick action and excellent coordination with both air and boat station assets to safely rescue all five people from the water," said Lt. j.g. Weston Fortna, commanding officer of Coast Guard Cutter Sea Horse.

The owner will coordinate salvage of the vessel.



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Tom, a Mason, and Ellie settled in several places with his work. They spent time in Pt. Arthur and fell in love with the Texas Gulf Coast. The Pollards headed north again. Tom went away on a job; Ellie bought up two beach lots. It was a lucky day for our community when Tom retired 10 years ago, and the Pollards settled in Crystal Beach. Naturally, their cottage is Emerald green.

Tom and Ellie were asked what helped make this happy marriage of 50 years. They agreed that there are no set patterns, but patience, love, being active and commitment were important and, on yes, luck. This delightful couple certainly created their own good luck, but maybe they also had just a bit of, "The Luck of the Irish!"





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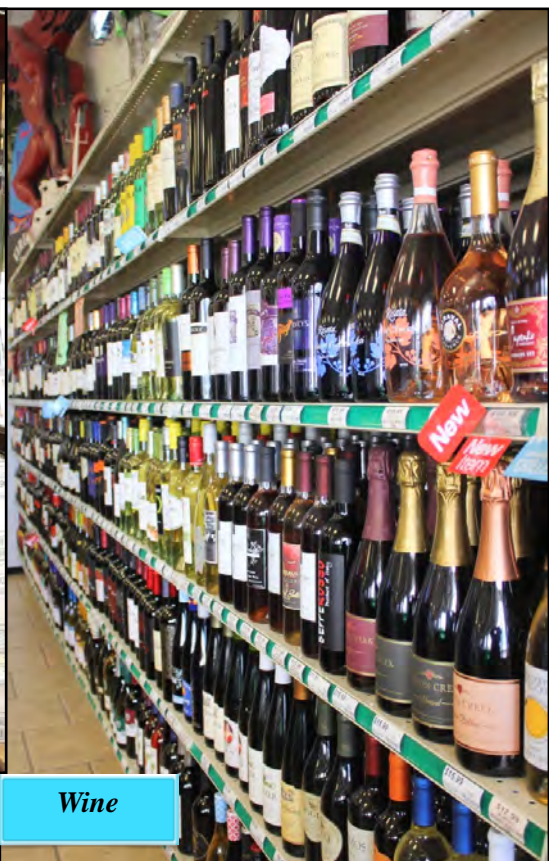
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The Seaside Naturalist

by Vince Brach, Ph.D.

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Fungus Among Us

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Vince Brach is a semi-retired naturalist, writer, and science teacher who divides his time between Tyler, TX and his getaway on Crystal Beach. Vince earned his BS in biology from USC in Los Angeles and his Ph.D. from the University of Miami, Coral Gables. He has published over 100 articles in magazines such as *Texas Highways*, *Texas Parks & Wildlife*, and *Highlights for Children*. We hope you enjoy his monthly column for *The Beach Triton*, "The Seaside Naturalist".

Have any questions, photos, or observations about nature on the Bolivar Peninsula? Please send them to Vince at vbrach@sbcglobal.net and he'll try to answer them.

The appearance of mushrooms is one of the surest signs that fall is just around the corner. While most of the larger species prefer a wooded area or a heavy thatch of grass, a surprising number of species can be found springing up within sight of the sea at the dune line, as long as there is buried wood or a thatch of dead roots to provide food.

The Kingdom Fungi, long lumped in with the Kingdom Plantae or true plants, was given a separate kingdom in the mid-1960's. Biologists noted that although the fruiting or spore-producing bodies of many species of fungi are "rooted" in the ground, fungi share almost nothing else in common with green plants. Among their differences: the fungi tend to spend most of their existence as a mass of fine threadlike filaments buried in a substrate, becoming visible only when reproducing. Fungi make their living as saprophytes (feeders on dead things) or parasites and cannot make their own food, since they lack the chlorophyll of true plants. Finally, fungi use single-celled spores rather than seeds to reproduce, as do most commonly-seen plants.

Without fungi, our world would be a very different place. Much of the recycling in the natural terrestrial world is made possible by the action of fungi breaking down dead material. Fungi are equipped to tackle fibrous, low-nutrient structural material like cellulose, which they break down into more digestible materials and minerals that can be absorbed by plants. Behind the scenes, often underground or inside decaying objects like logs, the fungi quickly reduce organic matter into its elements. This is why a fallen tree soon sprouts fungus growths and quickly turns "punk" inside.

Many fungi go a step further by creating close associations with true plants. This is especially true in the case of coniferous trees, any one of which may require fungi to grow in the forest soil if its roots are to obtain enough mineral nourishment.



The Sickener, common on golf courses

Sometimes fungi actually provide true food to plants, such as sugars obtained from fungal breakdown products. Many orchid seeds cannot sprout and grow without fungal "partners." The part of a fungus which attracts our eyes is in most cases the "fruiting body" or spore-producing structure that we often call a mushroom or toadstool. On lawns or old dunes where a thatch of dead roots exists beneath the upper living turf, a network of tiny threads produced by a single spore may spread unseen during the spring and summer months. In species that consume only dead material, this growth is beneficial to the grass. Spreading radially

outward, the fungus growth (called a mycelium) soon exhausts the center portion and lives only at its spreading outer edge.

In the fall, a mushroom fungus diverts its growth into the spore-producing mushrooms that appear overnight, seemingly by magic. When these occur in a circular pattern, they are often called "fairy rings"—according to European legends, the products of supernatural beings. If left undisturbed, such rings can attain truly gigantic diameters over the years.

While many species of wild mushrooms are edible, the whole subject of mushroom edibility is complex and frankly dangerous for untrained amateurs, so I will not attempt to offer advice beyond this: until you are trained by an expert, do your mushroom hunting at the grocery store! While not necessarily deadly, many species have an unpleasant taste or may induce vomiting, sweating, and temporary misery. The large, common species shown in the photograph (*Chlorophyllum molybdites*) is

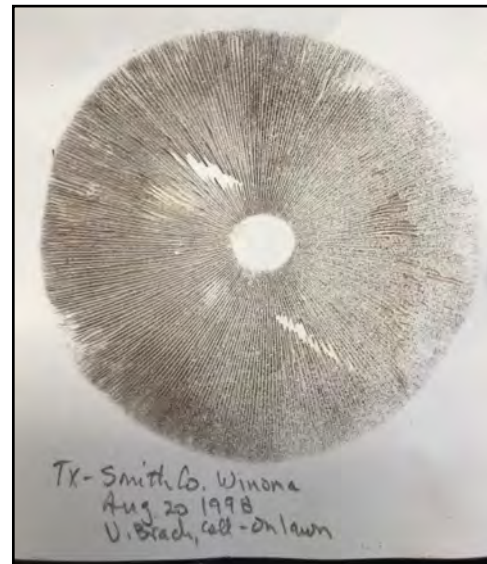


A mushroom "fairy ring"

paper. Cover this with a jar or other breeze-proof covering and leave for 24 hours. Upon carefully removing the covering and the cap, you will find a beautiful print of the mushroom's spores that perfectly outlines the mushroom's "gills". This print can be made permanent by gently spraying it with artist's clear matte spray fixative. White-spored species make a better print on colored card stock,

sold in art stores. The color of the spores in a spore print, as well as the pattern of the gills, can be an important aid to identification.

Certain, scientific identification of mushrooms often requires the use of a microscope with an optical micrometer (expensive!) to measure the spores, but many common species can be identified by comparing your specimens and spore prints with drawings and photographs. A good beginner's guide is the National Audubon Society's "Field Guide to North American Mushrooms" (Gary A. Lincoff, 1981, Chanticleer Press).



A mushroom spore print

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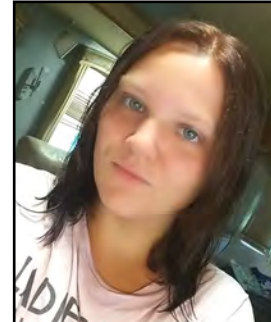
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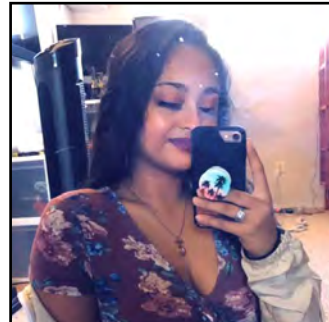
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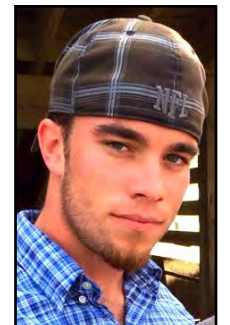
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Unless otherwise specified in the individual event, location will be: Galveston County AgriLife Extension Office in Carbide Park
4102 Main Street (FM 519), La Marque TX 77568
GPS location: 29.359705,-95.003591

For course reservations, telephone 409-281-5065 or email: galvcountymgs@gmail.com
Website: <http://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/galveston/index.html>

URBAN SMALL BACKYARD GARDEN

email: galvcountymgs@gmail.com to pre-register
Saturday, October 6
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Galveston County Master Gardener Herman Auer will discuss growing plants in full sunlight, maximizing the production of vegetables by growing them upward/vertically, and growing fruit trees in the small urban backyard. The speaker has 60 years of gardening know-how.

NOTE LOCATION: Crystal Beach Fire & Rescue, 930 Noble Carl Drive, Crystal Beach, TX 77650

HERBS FOR THE GULF COAST

email: galvcountymgs@gmail.com to pre-register
Saturday, October 6
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Galveston County Master Gardener Cindy Croft will present herbs that grow well in the Gulf Coast garden, growing tips, lore, propagation, and uses. The audience will be encouraged to share their experiences and participate in the discussion.

BACKYARD CITRUS

email: galvcountymgs@gmail.com to pre-register
Saturday, October 13
9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Galveston County Master Gardener Robert Marshall's presentation will feature these topics: variety selection of citrus trees that grow well in this area, root stocks, nutrients, disease (citrus canker and citrus greening), insect problems, control of birds and critters, and freeze protection. Marshall has years of experience in many facets of growing and propagating citrus trees in this area. Many of the citrus trees included in the presentation will be offered for sale as transplants at the Galveston County Master Gardener Fall Plant Sale on October 20.

FAVORITE FALL VEGETABLES

email: galvcountymgs@gmail.com to pre-register
Saturday, October 13
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Galveston County Master Gardener Gene Speller will present a program on Cruciferous and other favorite vegetables usually grown during fall and winter months. These include popular varieties of broccoli, Brussels sprouts, cabbage, cauliflower, collard, kale, mustard and turnip greens, all members of the Cruciferous family. Other vegetables to be covered are several varieties of lettuce, spinach, and Swiss chard. Many of the vegetables discussed in this presentation will be offered for sale as transplants at the Galveston County Master Gardener Fall Plant Sale on October 20.

GCMG FALL PLANT SALE OVERVIEW

email: galvcountymgs@gmail.com to pre-register
Saturday, October 13
3:15 p.m.- 4:15 p.m.

The Galveston County Master Gardener plant sales have become popular and useful to the public because of the quality of plants offered, as well as the horticulture and gardening information and tips from the Master Gardeners during the sales. Galveston County Master Gardener Karolyn Gephart will give a presentation that highlights the plants included in the Galveston County Master Gardener Fall Plant Sale on October 20.

GALVESTON COUNTY MASTER GARDENER FALL PLANT SALE

Saturday October 20
8:00 a.m.-8:50 a.m. – Informational presentation about plants for sale
9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. – Plant sale

Choose from thousands of plants adapted to the Texas Gulf Coast growing area. Fruit and citrus trees, bulbs, fall and winter vegetables, perennials, and garden crafts will be for sale. Volunteer certified Master Gardeners will be present to answer your questions. Customers are urged to bring their own wagons to transport their chosen plants. Location: Galveston County Fair Grounds in Jack Brooks Park – Rodeo Arena (large covered arena), Hwy 6 and Jack Brooks Road, Hitchcock, TX. For additional details and updates visit <http://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/galveston/index.html>

“TEXAS TUFF” PLANTS

email: galvcountymgs@gmail.com to pre-register
Saturday, October 27
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Galveston County Master Gardener Marie Leal's presentation will cover plants that grow well in our Gulf Coast area. Discussion topics will include how to choose healthy, hearty plants for your landscape, as well as planting and caring for them.

TURNING DIRT INTO SOIL – CREATING AN IDEAL GARDEN

Saturday, October 27
email: galvcountymgs@gmail.com to pre-register
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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However, the babblings and posturings of some resume'-obsessed national reporters during hurricanes are indeed amusing. The detached observer wonders if these clevers might assume that petitions to God are addressed to them.

In reporting foul weather there are only so many ways one can say "wind," "rain," "tornado," and "storm surge," and so the keyboard commandos keep flooding (so to speak) readers and viewers with the same old metaphors and similes.

Here, then, is a catalogue of clichés to read and consider before abandoning Cyrus Heath-Shannon Trevor Neville Ponsonby of World Global Universal News Digital Cable Satellite Network to the dark waters and changing the channel to Flip this Senator off the Island:

Rain event. We're not out of the woods. Dodged the bullet. A storm is brewing. Building up steam. Losing steam. Wreaking havoc. Left a swath of destruction in its wake. Changed my life forever. Mother Nature's wrath. Mother Nature's Fury. Mother Nature's Vengeance. Decimated. Trees snapped like matchsticks. Mother of all hurricanes. Batten down the hatches. Hunker down (that always seems somewhat vulgar). Roofs peeled back like sardine cans. Cars tossed about like matchboxes. Boats tossed about like matchboxes. Boats smashed like match boxes. Boats bobbing about like corks. Rain coming down in sheets (never blankets or comforters). Calm before the storm, usually eerie. Calm in the eye of the hurricane, always eerie. Like a ghost town. Perfect storm. Katrina, Katrina, Katrina. Storm of the century. Storm of a lifetime time. Looks like a warzone. Reduced to rubble. Debris field. Fish storm. Bearing down. Lashing. Roaring. Pounding. Swirling. Spinning. Barreling. Striking. Hitting. Storming ashore (well, yes, storming is what storms do).

Finally, any meaningful reporting is frequently interrupted for the visual cliché of some stupid man or woman doing stupid things for the camera. Wearing his Baron von Richthofen goggles and with his L.L. Bean hoodie flapping in harmony with just-the-right street sign the Dan Rather manqué clings to a palm tree and gasps into a microphone the obvious fact that he is an idiot who has gone outside in a hurricane.

All across this great land television viewers are laughing at this absurd figure and taking bets on whether he will be swept away.

No charitable man or woman would ever wish anyone harm, of course, except for motivational speakers, but there can be few people so insensitive and so hard-hearted and so lacking in charity that they would not weep tears of joy to see a national network drama-mama-papa and his cosmic microphone of existential doom pressured-washed down the street for a block or two.

We can dream.

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A spokesman for the Dollar General Stores states the estimated opening for the Crystal Beach, TX store is October 15

The Beach Bum says if you'd like to spend your vacation in out of the way places, let your wife read the road map.

The Beach Bum defines a pedestrian as a man who ignores his wife when she tells him they need two cars.

The Beach Bum says that trying to keep something from your wife is like trying to sneak the light of dawn past a healthy rooster.

The Beach Bum says common sense would prevent many divorces, it would also prevent several marriages.

The Beach Bum says it is better to be a has-been than a never-was.

The Beach Bum says he never lets his wife undress in front of a window. He says he doesn't want the neighbors to think he married her for her money.

The Beach Bum says if you are every given the choice between wisdom or riches, take wisdom. Because a wise cat can always get a rich cat's money.

The Beach Bum says the first thing that strikes you when you get in a little compact car is the roof.

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Letter to the Editor:

I want to start off by saying my name is Victor M Pierce,

Sr. Almost 5 years ago myself and my oldest son Victor Jr., we're having just a normal conversation and out of the blue he said pop if anything ever happens to me I want you to have me cremated and spread my ashes on the beach were we all fish at.

I didn't think much about that at the time.

Seven months later Vic was killed in a accident, so I had him cremated and spread him in that special place. We had Vic's funeral on the beach with family and friends, I also had a friend of mine who is a preacher in Lake Charles, La. He came and preached a fine funeral.

I had built a beautiful cross that I placed at this sacred place. This cross had been there since the end of October 2014, no one had ever had any problem with this.

I was working in Rocky Mount, Virginia and I received a call after the 4th of July weekend telling me that someone had tore the cross down. This weighed very heavy on my heart. Just figured youngsters had tore the cross down.

My job in Virginia shut down August the 18th and I came back home. Well, I built a new cross and August the 26th me and some friends put the new cross in its place.

Last Thursday, September 20, 2018, I visited the cross. Saturday some friends contacted me saying the cross had been cut down and taken again, so I'm beside myself desperately trying to find out who and why someone would desecrate my sons final resting place.

My girl friend posted what had happened on Facebook and this morning we received a text with a phone number to call about information on these two crosses that had been taken.

The phone number led me to an Officer Elliott who is a Federal Officer with the Wildlife Game Reserve and he informed me that he had tore both of the crosses down and seemed proud of what he had done.

I went on to inform him that there had been a cross there for going on 4 years and nothing had ever been done or ever said there was a problem with the memorial I had put there for my son. I told Officer Elliott that I didn't understand after almost 4 years why all of a sudden there was a major problem with this

beautiful cross being on this federal property memorializing the death of my son.

Officer Elliott sounded like a broken record over and over that it wasn't allowed on federal property, but never gave me a reasonable explanation of what harm this memorial cross was doing. I truly think that this young man was using his authority for what reason to push this issue way too far. There had been no complaints from any of the local residents, so what's the big deal.

Me, as a taxpayer all my life, I feel that the local, state and federal workers work for the public. This young man should do the job that he was hired to do which is protecting our fish and game and not be appointing himself to be the cross police and go around destroying memorial crosses that are not hurting a thing.

My family and myself are hunters and fishermen. I just bought a super combo fishing and hunting license with a federal stamp, which pays Officer Elliott's salary.

Hey, folks let's worry about the big stuff that really counts. Sometimes we can't always go by the book and sometimes in a situation like this you should just turn your head and let well enough alone with all the trouble we have in this country with poachers, drugs, alcohol, theft and everything else that is going on, I feel that the public, yes tax payers, like you and I should be aware of how our tax dollars are being wasted with one of our federal workers taking the time away from the job he was hired to do to destroy not 1 but 2 of the crosses that was put on the beach that my son loved so much that he wanted it to be his final resting place.

I'm asking the public to stand up with me let this federal agency and all their workers know that they have a lot of bigger fish to fry than to worry about a cross the grieving father, mother, family and friends have stood up on this beach for a young man who loved this stretch of the beach so much he asked to be put here forever!

Surely, anyone who has lost a child and has any compassion understands my grief and anger over this. What happened to the saying 'to protect and serve'? I do not believe this is what they had in mind when that phrase was wrote! We live in the best country in the world let's try to keep it that way.

My heart and my thanks go out to anyone who took the time to read this and understand my grief and anger.

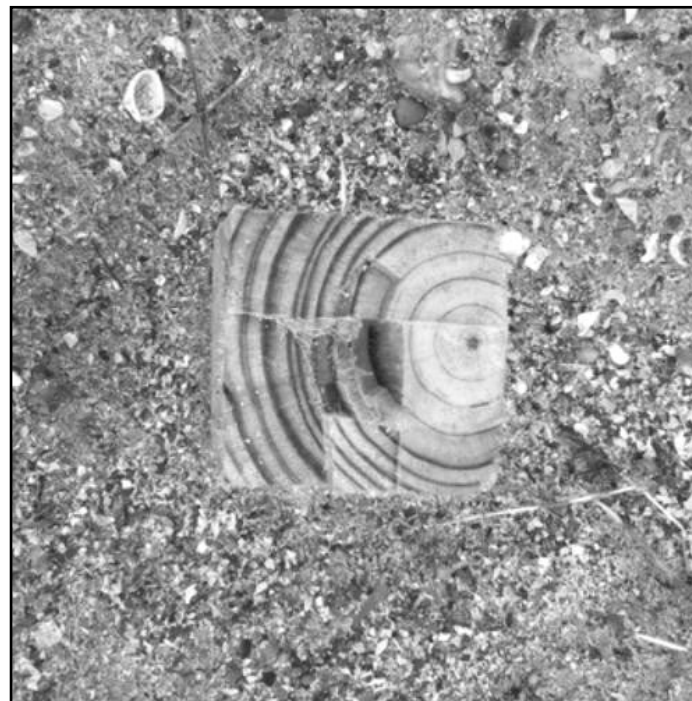
Victor Pierce, Sr.



Pictured to the left, Vic, Jr. cross before it was cut down.

Pictured above, Vic, Jr. on the beach near where he requested his ashes be spread.

Pictured to the right, what is left of the cross after it was cut down



Cooking with Miss "Obler"

Janice Oliver, Retired Home Ec Teacher, HIISD

We received some beautiful fresh pineapple at Food Fair today. I am excited to share a variety of pineapple recipes with you. Enjoy

SLOW COOKER PINEAPPLE BBQ MEATBALLS

1/2 bag of frozen meatballs (I used half of a 32 ounce bag of fully cooked home style meatballs)
1 - 18 ounce bottle of BBQ sauce
1 - 20 ounce can pineapple chunks with juice
1/2 cup brown sugar

Place meatballs into the slow cooker. You can use frozen, thawed, or uncooked homemade meatballs.

Pour the BBQ sauce, pineapple chunks in juice, and brown sugar in the slow cooker. Mix all the ingredients to ensure flavor consistency when the meatballs are cooking.

Cook on high for 1 hour, then turn down to low and cook for another 2-3 hours or until the meatballs are fully cooked. Serve hot over rice. The sauce makes the rice stickier, which makes the rice more tasty.

BAKED SWEET HAWAIIAN CHICKEN

4 boneless, skinless chicken breasts
salt and pepper to taste
1 cup cornstarch
3 large eggs, beaten
1/4 cup vegetable oil

SAUCE INGREDIENTS

1 cup pineapple juice
1/2 cup brown sugar
1/3 cup low-sodium soy sauce
1 clove garlic, minced
1/2 tablespoon cornstarch
1 red bell pepper, chopped (seeds removed)
1 (20 ounce) can pineapple tidbits, drained

INSTRUCTIONS

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Grease a 9" x 13" baking pan with cooking spray. Set aside.

Cut chicken breasts in bite-size pieces. Season with salt and pepper. Place cornstarch in a large bowl, and eggs in a separate medium bowl. Dip chicken pieces in cornstarch to coat, then coat in eggs.

Heat vegetable oil in a large, non-stick skillet over medium-high heat. Cook coated chicken, in batches, so you don't over-crowd pan, until golden brown on all sides. (You're not cooking it all the way through. It will finish in the oven.) Place chicken in the prepared dish.

In a medium bowl whisk together the sauce ingredients: pineapple juice, brown sugar, soy sauce, garlic and cornstarch. Pour evenly over chicken. Sprinkle the tops of chicken with the chopped bell pepper and pineapple.

Bake uncovered for 1 hour. Stir the chicken every 15 minutes so it gets evenly coated in sauce. Remove from oven and let stand 5 minutes before serving.

PINEAPPLE PANCAKES WITH COCONUT SYRUP

1 1/2 cups crushed pineapple
1/4 cup sugar
2 teaspoons baking powder
1 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
2 eggs
1/4 cup butter, melted
1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
1/2 cup butter
1 cup sugar
1 cup coconut milk
1 teaspoon vanilla

In a large mixing bowl, make the pancake batter by stirring together crushed pineapple, sugar, baking powder, baking soda, salt, eggs, and melted butter. Slowly add in flour until you have a nice batter.

You may want it to remain thin enough to spread slightly, without being runny.

Heat a heavy flat nonstick griddle or skillet over medium-high heat. Pour pancake batter in 1/4 cup scoops onto the griddle or skillet. When bubbles start to form on top, flip and cook on the other side until lightly browned.

Keep warm until serving (a 200 degree oven and a cookie sheet works great for this).

Make the syrup by melting butter in a medium-size saucepan over medium heat. Stir in sugar, coconut milk, and vanilla. Bring to a boil over medium-high heat and simmer 4 minutes. Store in a heat-safe airtight container in the refrigerator.

Serve pineapple pancakes warm with warm coconut syrup.

PINEAPPLE NILLA DIP

8 whole Nilla wafer cookies
1 - 8 ounce package cream cheese, softened
1 - 20 ounce can crushed pineapple, drained and squeezed of its liquid
1/2 cup powdered sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla
Nilla wafers for serving

Blend the Nilla Wafers in a food processor until finely ground.

In a medium bowl, with a handheld mixer, beat together the cream cheese, pineapple, powdered sugar, Nilla wafer crumbs, and vanilla until well combined. Chill in the refrigerator for at least one hour. Serve with Nilla wafers.

NO BAKE PINEAPPLE DREAM DESSERT

1 - 8 ounce package cream cheese, softened
1 cup powdered sugar
1 cup crushed pineapple (drained)
1 - 8 ounce tub whipped topping, like Cool Whip

CRUST

1/2 cup granulated sugar
1/2 cup melted butter
20 graham crackers, crushed

TOPPING

1/4 cup shredded coconut
1/4 cup diced pineapple, drained

INSTRUCTIONS

In a medium mixing bowl, mix the cream cheese with an electric mixer until slightly fluffy.

Gradually add the powdered sugar, and mix until well combined.

Mix in the whipped topping, and beat until fluffy.

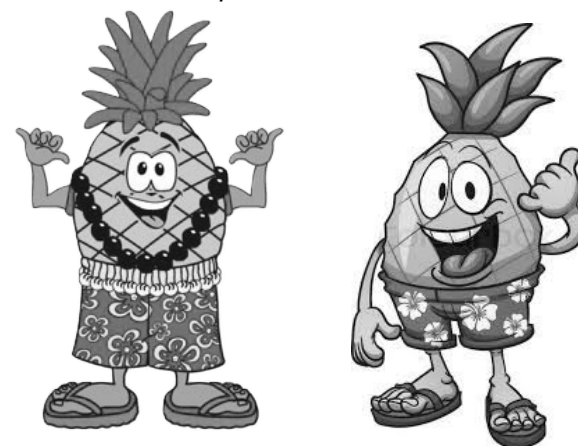
With a spatula, fold in the crushed pineapple, then set aside.

In a small mixing bowl, mix the crushed graham crackers, granulated sugar, and melted butter until well combined, then pat mixture into a 9" x 9" baking dish.

Spoon the filling over the crust, and smooth with spatula until even.

Top with shredded coconut and diced pineapple and refrigerate for 2 hours or until firm.

NOTE: Fresh or canned pineapple may be used in each of these recipes.



The "Func" in Dysfunctional

Laura Bang

Well as I sit and think really hard about what in world I am going to write since I have been bestowed the chaotic burden, AT THE LAST MINUTE, I find myself running down memory lane, visiting people places and things sporadically and on the most out of order timeline, begging at least one memory to be funny enough, appropriate enough, to end well enough, and then there is the OMG factor when I remember that everyone knows my name and they will totally know the characters, lol, thanks to that BY LINE. So, as the deadline barrels toward my face, and my nerves are racked from possibly not making it, and upsetting HER, lol, I began to ramble this text. Our family is so hilariously dysfunctional, in an absolutely functional way, much like all of yours I would dare to wager. I spent most of my young years with my Auntie & Unk, because they were way more fun, had way more patience, and we went tons of places. She was the adult in our family that took the kids with her everywhere. She had the fun birthday parties, let all the neighborhood kids come over to our house everyday, and always had the biggest and best and latest of anything the kids wanted. She made stuff fun, let us be kids and took me along a lot to get me out of a place that was polar opposite.

I was the oldest, and next in line was Garrett. We were tight then, just like now, and I guess we were a little much on the hyper side, so she worked constantly beside us keeping us very busy with any and everything she could possible imagine. As it turns out, she is probably more hyper than either of us, and not to mention the ADD in her as well. So as all great ideas were turning into projects for us to take

part in, we were learning alot, exploring tons of different things and then suddenly we had 89 things at the same time, and sometimes it could become stressful if all the right components matched up in that magic moment. You know the moment, the ones where you FREAK OUT AND LOSE IT, no matter where you are or who hears you, lol. The explosive, usually out of your normal character, and highly LOUD, moment. Well, even though we thought she was close to perfect, and she never was mean or ugly to us, or loud with us, every once in a while she did SURPRISE us. And boy let me tell you about the very best memory that pops in my head right off the bat!!

It was Christmas time, and cold outside, and the weekend. We all still lived in Houston full time, and this place was our weekend and summertime love. My Auntie was in the spirit of buying gifts and toting children that day. It was freezing outside, she had a large van to accommodate all 6 of us (her 3, and the 3 of us). Well this six pack was a very well behaved bunch, lol, but it was a really long day, of torture through every mall, target, and in and out and in and out of the van. We loved every minute, nut we were tired and and getting silly, very silly or sleepy..yes, maybe it was sleepy. I was about 12, so that makes Garrett and Lindsey 9ish, and then on down the line. She too, the non stop shopper, was getting a little cranky i would imagine, and we were on the last leg of a very great day. We traveled all over town that day IN HOUSTON TRAFFIC MIND YOU, AT CHRISTMAS TIME. The odds of the smiles lasting were definitely not in our favor.

So, we sit at a never ending red light on Westview and Wirt Rd, listening to the radio on 99.1 because they played 24/7 non stop Christmas music.

(none of us like that anymore, this is probably why..lol) She, the Auntie was getting frustrated at the slow changing of the light, and the constant moving of the van from all our dancing and singing going on while we sat there. As I look back I see her looking back and forth at the intersection, and sighing loudly a little bit, and I can see her tucking her hair behind her ears. Then I didn't realize she was getting disgruntled because we never saw that side of her, but clearly that is what was brewing. This song about Little Johnny wanting a puppy dog for Christmas was seemingly lasting forever, as long as that dang turn light. She had a concert at her back, and we were all singing it VERY LOUD AND TOGETHER, LIKE A FAMILY. HAHAHAHAAAA

The song, the way we remember had only these words, JOHNNY WATS A PUPPY DOG FOR CHRISTMAS, JOHNNY WANTS A PUPPY DOG FOR CHRISTMAS...she didn't like Johnny and she no longer liked the song, or our ability to sing it either. My Auntie left the building. She grabbed that volume knob turning it down so hard, seeming like she waited to rip the knob off! Our voices, died out slowly and staggered as she SCREAMED SO LOUD, we each almost jumped out of our skin....I HOPE THE LITTLE BASTARD GETS ONE!!!! 2 seconds of silence followed by the hugest BURST OF CHILDREN CRACKING UP FROM THEIR GUTS. I am cracking up so loud right now as she sits at her computer waiting on this article..it is the greatest of all time when we all get together and talk about that day. She was still spreading joy yall, because every car at that intersection was cracking up with us that day!!

And we all still wonder if LITTLE JOHNNY EVER GOT THE DANG PUPPY DOG.

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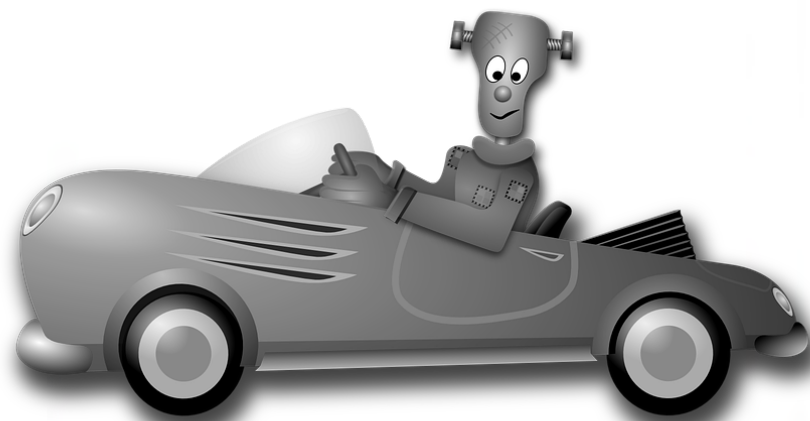
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JOHNNY BARROW

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Johnny W. Barrow, 69, of Beaumont, passed away Saturday, September 29, 2018. He was born on October 7, 1948, in Beaumont, to Betty Jean Kemp Barrow and Benny Lee Barrow, Jr.

Services for Mr. Barrow are pending and are under the direction of Broussard's, 134 West Buccaneer Drive, Winnie.

Big Thicket National Preserve News Release

Big Thicket National Preserve Receives Open OutDoors for Kids Focus City Grant From the National Park Foundation

KOUNTZE, Texas, – Big Thicket National Preserve and the City of Houston have been selected to receive an Open OutDoors for Kids Focus City grant for the 2018-2019 school year from the National Park Foundation, the official nonprofit partner of the National Park Service. With this grant National Park Service staff can continue working with our partners to facilitate educational field trips for fourth grade students in the Greater Houston Area. By working together to introduce young people to the public lands around them, we can help create a happier and healthier community.

This grant is part of the Foundation's Open OutDoors for Kids program which creates pathways for kids to explore and connect with park experiences. Beyond making field trips possible, the program raises local community awareness about the importance of connecting kids to the outdoors.

"Trekking along trails, observing our natural ecosystems and engaging with our shared history are experiences that benefit all children," said National Park Foundation President Will Shafroth. "Making it possible for America's youth to explore our national parks is an investment in their future and the future of the national parks community."

The Open OutDoors for Kids – Houston project provides field trip transportation reimbursements for field trips taken by Title I, 4th classes to more than three dozen amazing Greater Houston Area outdoor spaces. Teachers can easily book a field trip with one of many national, state, and local park partners who provide a variety of curriculum-based natural, cultural, and historical field trips correlated with Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS). More about this program can be found at <https://www.hereinhouston.org/ekiphouston/>.

Big Thicket National Preserve Superintendent Wayne Prokopetz said, "There's so much to discover at Big Thicket, and we're excited to welcome fourth graders and their families again this year. We hope that our young visitors learn and have fun in the great outdoors and develop a lifelong connection to our nation's land, water and wildlife."

IN LOVING MEMORY

*"Though nothing can bring back the hour
Of splendor in the grass, of glory in the flower,
We will grieve not, rather find
Strength in what remains behind."
William Wordsworth*

Our time of "Splendor in the grass, of glory in the flower," with Lauren Marie Brim (Biscuit) was brief. She was only 21 when she passed away, and unlike in Wordsworth's poem, we do grieve. However, we can gain strength from the gifts Lauren left for us.

One of those gifts is that of friendship. Her friend Ocean Grand wanted a bench in memory of Lauren placed at Crenshaw School. Jane Ewing checked with Principal Terri Camp who immediately agreed. Ocean headed to her Facebook and asked if anyone from the 8th grade class of 2011 wanted to help with the cost. They did. Family and friends quickly added to the coffer. An account was set up, the bench purchased, sent to the Ewing home and David Ewing put it together. Mario Tovar had the cement poured and finished at the school. David completed a frame for the bench. There was even enough money left to create a special account for Lauren's son. Her bench now awaits guests underneath a green oak tree on the Crenshaw campus.

People find tremendous strength in Lauren's most precious gift, her beloved son Aiden Christopher Richardson who inherited the big beautiful blue eyes that are a hallmark of Lauren's family. Aiden is 13 months old. He eagerly greets folk with upraised arms and a twinkling sparkle that can melt even the coldest heart. Grandmother Marie Vratiss and Aiden watched as the bench was placed at Crenshaw. He became so interested in the cement that his footprints form a part of the commemorative decorations.

Lauren left us too soon, but her legacy lives on in many ways. We all, family and friends, gain strength when we think of her valiant courage and enduring love. We gain strength when we look into the bright, shining eyes of Aiden Christopher. We gain strength when we visit the bench built in Loving Memory. There we can rest and remember the splendor and glory of Lauren Marie Brim.

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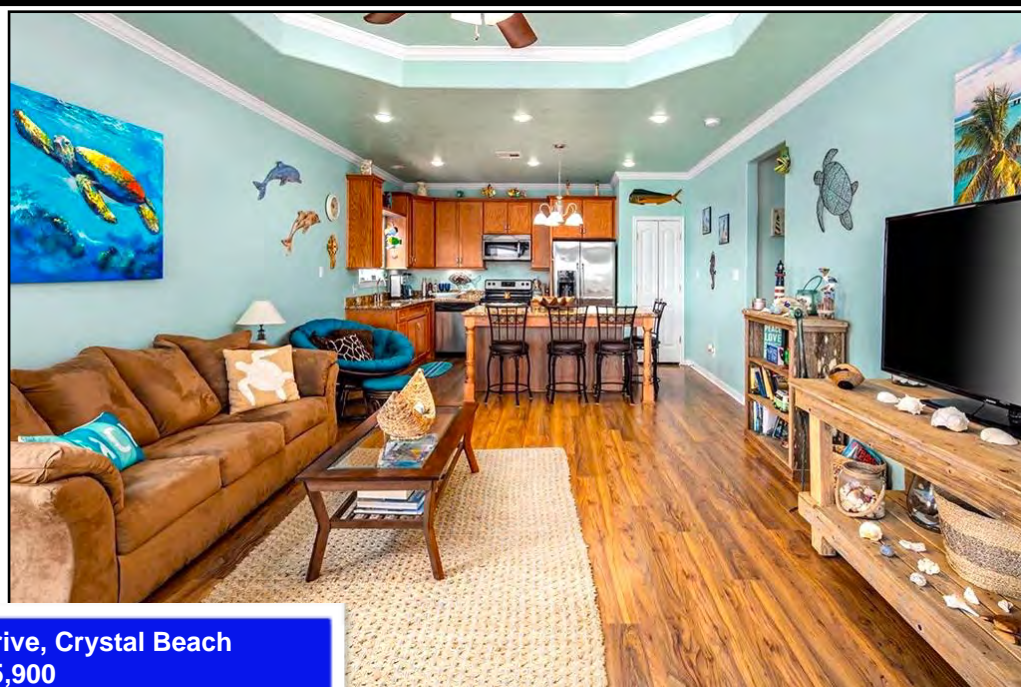
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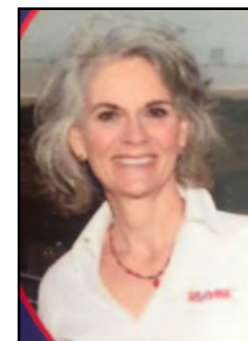
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October Report

Jeffrey Daniels

Wow, what a month! The month of September was just magical here in East Bay, for the Redfish that is. There were some absolute studs caught along shorelines, average size being around 24 to 25 inches but tipping the scales at just under seven pounds. The Trout bite seemed to start coming around depending on where you decided to wet a line. Looking at the way that the weather has been trending, things are most likely going to change a lot due to the fresh water runoff of all the storms, not just here but up north of the coast as well.



Jeffrey Daniels

East bay has been doing very well, because the fish have literally had the shad to munch on all summer. Look for the birds to start working in the open bay here soon as we draw closer and closer to the yearly fall shrimp migration. Pay very close attention to the Gulls in the flock, if they are not swooping down regularly picking off bait, you are most likely around shad. Although not all bad, its just a little harder to consistently catch when fishing around shad as opposed to shrimp.

West bay has been the most consistent pretty much the whole summer, fishing this side is a little different because of the grass. To consistently catch be looking for the birds to be working over shell or structure in the evening and wade the grassy shorelines in the morning. Remember also the shorelines around the pass are also great on an outgoing tide.

Not much has been heard about the surf here lately, but from what I have observed the shrimpers have been coming in ultra-close. That means that the bait is at the second or third gut depending on tide and time of day. Remember, no matter where you decide to wade, wear your lifejacket at all times, use safety precautions, and be aware of your surroundings!

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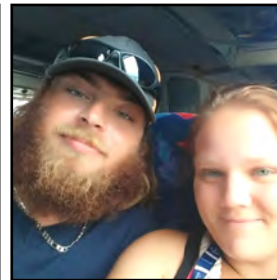
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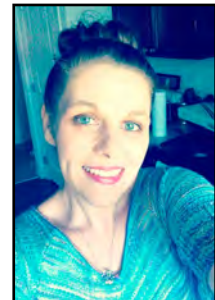
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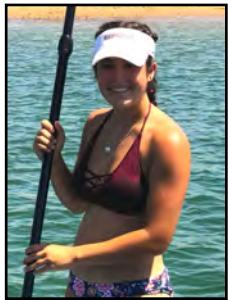
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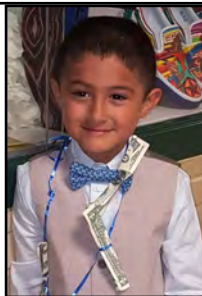
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CYBERCRIMINALS UTILIZE SOCIAL ENGINEERING TECHNIQUES TO OBTAIN EMPLOYEE CREDENTIALS TO CONDUCT PAYROLL DIVERSION

The IC3 has received complaints reporting cybercriminals are targeting the online payroll accounts of employees in a variety of industries. Institutions most affected are education, healthcare, and commercial airway transportation.

METHODOLOGIES

Cybercriminals target employees through phishing emails designed to capture an employee's login credentials. Once the cybercriminal has obtained an employee's credentials, the credentials are used to access the employee's payroll account in order to change their bank account information. Rules are added by the cybercriminal to the employee's account preventing the employee from receiving alerts regarding direct deposit changes. Direct deposits are then changed and redirected to an account controlled by the cybercriminal, which is often a prepaid card.

RECOMMENDATIONS

To mitigate the threat of payroll diversion:

Alert and educate your workforce about this scheme, including preventative strategies and appropriate reactive measures should a breach occur.

Instruct employees to hover their cursor over hyperlinks included in emails they receive to view the actual URL. Ensure the URL is actually related to or associated with the company it purports to be from.

Instruct employees to refrain from supplying log-in credentials or personally identifying information in response to any email.

Direct employees to forward suspicious requests for personal information to the information technology or human resources department.

Ensure that log-in credentials used for payroll purposes differ from those used for other purposes, such as employee surveys.

Apply heightened scrutiny to bank information initiated by employees seeking to update or change direct deposit credentials.

Monitor employee logins that occur outside normal business hours.

Restrict access to the Internet on systems handling sensitive information or implement two-factor authentication for access to sensitive systems and information.

Only allow required processes to run on systems handling sensitive information.

VICTIM REPORTING

The FBI encourages victims to report information concerning suspicious or criminal activity to their local FBI field office, and file a complaint with the IC3 at www.ic3.gov. If your complaint pertains to this particular scheme, then please note payroll diversion in the body of the complaint.

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Mary Rainey
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direct deposit and other payroll expense payments), which also included the July 2018 reimbursement payments for PEMSI (\$98,020.11), Port Bolivar VFD (\$2,390.75), High Island VFD (\$4,467.74), and Crystal Beach VFD (\$1,581.96), were approved by all of the Board members.

Thereafter, the Board moved to Agenda Item No. 10, at which time representatives from Port Bolivar VFD advised the Board that the department will be seeking reimbursement from the District at the next regular meeting for the following expenditures: \$5,000 (approx.) for Nick Loftin's fired and EMS certification (copies of the certificates were presented) and, \$2,000 (approximate) for the department's new uniforms.

The Board was then directed to Agenda Item No. 11, at which time Mr. Saunders provided an update on the transfer of EMS service from PEMSI to the District. Also, Mr. Heinz confirmed that PEMSI had already provided written notice to the District advising its Board had approved the transfer, thus no additional notice will be necessary before PEMSI's service agreement is terminated when the District assumes the EMS service on the peninsula, especially since the termination is mutually agreed upon by the parties.

President Bouse then directed the Board's attention to Agenda Item No. 12 regarding the Gilchrist station, at which time Mr. Saunders provided the Board with a summary of the information he had obtained regarding the building codes, necessary design features, and ISO requirements. The Board members all agreed that further inquiry and planning will be necessary before any decision can be made regarding the construction of a new station in Gilchrist, and that a consultant may need to assist the District in the planning and preparation for same. The Board will discuss the budgeting aspects of the proposed Gilchrist station during its August 22, 2018 budget workshop.

The Board then moved along to Agenda Item No. 13, at which time Mr. Saunders discussed with the members suggested amendments to the VFDs service agreements, including advance notice to the District for equipment purchases made by the VFDs, including purchases for which the VFDs do not intend to seek reimbursement from the District, and quarterly reviews of the VFDs financials by the District accountant. Mr. Saunders is going to discuss the proposed amendments with the VFDs' representatives before counsel prepares the draft service agreement amendments. Mr. Saunders also discussed with the Board the need for each VFD to identify a designated individual for communication purposes, and the department representatives present confirmed that they will provide the designations in writing to the District.

Being as there was no report from the District accountant under Agenda Item No. 14, the Board moved to Agenda Item No. 15 for the counsel report, at which time Mr. Heinze advised that the Board will need to adopt the District's 2018-19 budget and 2018 property tax rate during the September 19, 2018 regular meeting.

The Board then moved back to Agenda Item No. 4 for public comment, at which time Stevi Gregory raised questions regarding rumors that PEMSI had removed the ambulance from the Port Bolivar station. Then, Bill Clegg and Nancy Bouse each reported that PEMSI did not allow the public to attend its August 15, 2018 board meeting. Matt Summers then advised that his office always open to the public for any questions regarding PEMSI. And lastly, Jake Angelo reported that per its legal counsel, PEMSI is a private entity and thus not subject to the Texas Open Meetings Act.



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The Beach Bum says it hasn't been too many years ago that the things were now call hippies were called slobs.

The Beach Bum says you know when you buy a bag of salad and it starts getting brown and has gross water in it...doughnuts never do that.

The Beach Bum says if you can't pee off the porch, your neighbors are too close.

The Beach Bum says I've always thought my neighbors were quite nice people. But then they put a password on their Wi-Fi.

The Beach Bum says the fact that there's a highway to hell and a stairway to heaven, says a lot about the expected traffic movement.

The Beach Bum says I tried to marry my ex-wife, but she figured out I was only after my money.

The Beach Bum says my favorite essential oil is bacon grease.

The Beach Bum says marriage is an institution of three rings. Engagement ring, wedding ring and suffering.

The Beach Bum says artificial intelligence is no match for natural stupidity.

The Beach Bum's wife says it's been raining for days now and my husband seems very depressed by it. He keeps standing by the window, staring. If it continues, I'm going to have to let him in.

The Beach Bum says I bet jellyfish are sad that there are no peanut butter fish.



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- 13 - Biscayne
- 23 - Magnolia
- 30 - Boys Road
- 37 - Atkinson
- 39 - Honeysuckle
- 44-47 Rancho Carribe
- 52 - Tinkle/Jacks
- 53 - O'Neal
- 55 - East
- 58 - Seaspray
- 59 - Townsend Emerald 1
- 60 - Holiday Emerald 1
- 61 - Holiday Emerald 1
- 62 - Wests Lane/Mr. G
- 65-67 - Washout (No Access)
- 70 - Monkhouse
- 72 - Crystal Beach Road
- 76 - Gulf Shores
- 77 - Westview Emerald 2
- 79 - Eastview Emerald 2
- 80 - Gregory (Near Dannay's Donut)
- 83 - Beaumont Drive (Near Dannay's Donut)
- 84 - Driftwood (Across from Big Store)
- 87 - Olive/Clara (Catholic Church)
- 91 - Holiday Subdivision
- 93 - Kenlyn Sandy Shores
- 96 - Seadrift in Ramada
- 99 - Nassau in Ramada
- 100 - S Cove Near Stingaree
- 106 - Cobb's Cove (No Access)
- 111 - SandCastle (No Access)
- 116 - Lafitte's
- 119 - East of Sun Oil Field

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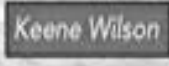
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Education Technologies: Data Collection and Unsecured Systems Could Pose Risks to Students

The FBI is encouraging public awareness of cyber threat concerns related to K-12 students. The US school systems' rapid growth of education technologies (EdTech) and widespread collection of student data could have privacy and safety implications if compromised or exploited.

EdTech can provide services for adaptive, personalized learning experiences, and unique opportunities for student collaboration. Additionally, administrative platforms for tracking academics, disciplinary issues, student information systems, and classroom management programs, are commonly served through EdTech services.

As a result, types of data that are collected can include, but are not limited to: personally identifiable information (PII); biometric data;

academic progress; behavioral, disciplinary, and medical information;

Web browsing history; students' geolocation;

IP addresses used by students; and classroom activities.

Malicious use of this sensitive data could result in social engineering, bullying, tracking, identity theft, or other means for targeting children. Therefore, the FBI is providing awareness to schools and parents of the important role cybersecurity

plays in the securing of student information and devices.

Sensitive Student Data

The widespread collection of sensitive information by EdTech could present unique exploitation opportunities for criminals. For example, in late 2017, cyber actors exploited school information technology (IT) systems by hacking into multiple school district servers across the United States. They accessed student contact information, education plans, homework assignments, medical records, and counselor reports, and then used that information to contact, extort, and threaten students with physical violence and release of their personal information. The actors sent text messages to parents and local law enforcement, publicized students' private information, posted student PII on social media, and stated how the release of such information could help child predators identify new targets. In response to the incidents, the Department of Education released a Cyber Advisory alert in October 2017 stating cyber criminals were targeting school districts with weak data security or well-known vulnerabilities to access sensitive data from student records to shame, bully, and threaten children.

Cybersecurity issues were discovered in 2017 for two large EdTech companies, resulting in public access to millions of students' data. According to security

researchers, one company exposed internal data by storing it on a public-facing server. The other company suffered a breach and student data was posted for sale on the Dark Web.

Inter-connected Networks and Devices

EdTech connected to networked devices or directly to the Internet could increase opportunities for cyber actors to access devices collecting data and monitoring children within educational or home environments. Improperly secured take-home devices (e.g. tablets, laptops) or monitoring devices (e.g. in-school surveillance cameras or microphones), particularly those with remote-access capabilities, could be exploitable through cyber intrusions or other unauthorized means and present vulnerabilities for students.

Recommendations

The increased use of connected digital tools in the learning environment and widespread data collection introduces cybersecurity risks of which parents should be aware.

The FBI recognizes there are districts across the United States who are working hard to address cybersecurity matters in their schools to protect students and their data. For districts seeking assistance, there are numerous online resources, consortiums, and organizations available

that can provide support on data protection matters and cybersecurity best practices.

The FBI encourages parents and families to:

Research existing student and child privacy protections of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), the Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA), the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA), and state laws as they apply to EdTech services.

Discuss with their local districts about what and how EdTech technologies and programs are used in their schools.

Conduct research on parent coalition and information-sharing organizations which are available online for those looking for support and additional resources.

Research school-related cyber breaches which can further inform families of student data vulnerabilities.

Consider credit or identity theft monitoring to check for any fraudulent use of their children's identity.

Conduct regular Internet searches of children's information to help identify the exposure and spread of their information on the Internet.

If you have evidence your child's data may have been compromised, or if you have experienced any of the Internet crimes described in this PSA, please file a complaint with the Internet Crime Complaint Center at www.ic3.gov.

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Carolina coastline stands up to Florence

Despite the fury Florence unleashed along the coastline of the Carolinas, areas with wide sandy beaches and high dunes fared well in the face of an unprecedented onslaught of storm surge and waves.

Although the coastline suffered significant erosion, restored beaches accomplished their design purpose of protecting upland properties and communities. While communities are pleased to have been spared from more serious damage, many must now rebuild their battered beaches to ensure their communities are protected from the next coastal catastrophe.

Hurricane Florence made landfall near Wrightsville Beach, NC, at 7:15 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 14, 2018. Despite having been downgraded the previous day to a Category 1 storm, Florence produced a maximum surge of 10 feet or more along sections of the North Carolina coast. Since the storm had spent numerous days building up mass and momentum, the attendant storm surge was far greater than the reduced wind speed would indicate.

Additionally for several days prior to landfall, Florence's forward motion had been slowed considerably by a high pressure ridge over eastern North Carolina. As a result, many beach areas experienced elevated water levels and heavy wave activity over several tidal cycles. This behavior, which is more characteristic of a nor'easter, can cause significantly more coastal erosion than would result from a faster-moving hurricane of similar size and power due to the extended time of surge and wave activity.

Initial assessments are still being compiled, but the first wave of data and aerial photographic comparisons indicate wide restored beaches combined with a health dune system stood up to the prolonged pounding of Florence's waves and surge. This protection not only spared upland properties from catastrophic damages, but enabled coastal communities to recover more quickly and re-open for returning residents sooner.

This outcome is something that scientists, engineers, and policymakers have been championing since Superstorm Sandy in 2012 showed firsthand the value of wide beaches and healthy dune systems in reducing storm surge and wave damage.

Some on-the-ground observations:

"Florence becomes the storm of record (twice) for high water level at the Beaufort tide gage – an unprecedented 'one-two' punch to Carteret County," according to Greg Rudolph, Shoreline Protection Manager for Carteret County, NC. "The infusion of sand via beach nourishment and subsequent development of incipient, or 'baby' dunes since Hurricane Floyd in 1999 protected some 23 miles of homes, hotels, public accesses and infrastructure for the storm of record. There was no flood damage to oceanfront structures, nor any breaches of the frontal dune. Structural damage was limited to walkways only."

"Our preliminary assessment is that our federal coastal storm damage reduction projects at Wrightsville Beach, Carolina Beach and Kure Beach did what they were supposed to do," said Layton Bledsoe, New Hanover County's (NC) Shoreline Protection manager. "It appears that very minimal damage was caused by ocean overwash to our small businesses, infrastructure and homes, and this is directly attributed to wide beaches and high dunes constructed and maintained by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers projects."

"While Hurricane Florence did damage to our coastal communities, it could have been so much worse," said Woody White, chair of the New Hanover County Commission. "Thanks to the consistent funding and focus on storm damage reduction efforts, both people and property were saved. This forward-thinking approach preserves lives and it preserves our tax base, which allows us to meet our other core governmental functions. In each storm, we learn more and more about what to do to make those protections even better in the future, and I know that had we not implemented storm reduction policies in years past, our damages today would be catastrophic."

"The projects we have built in Dare County did what they were supposed to do," according to Bobby Outten, County Manager of Dare County, NC. "They reduced the amount of flooding and damage that would have occurred had these projects not been in existence. Though not impacted by the worst of Florence, the 3-4 days of high surf and large waves would have resulted in extensive flooding and damages to public and private development had these locally funded projects not been built and maintained."

"Based on what we've seen, the projects constructed by Dare County and the Towns of Duck, Southern Shores, Kitty Hawk and Kill Devil Hills performed as designed," noted Ken Willson, a program manager for APTIM, the firm responsible for much of the restoration project design along the North Carolina coast. "In years past, the conditions created by Florence would have likely resulted in considerable flooding in Kitty Hawk and Kill Devil Hills, washed out of the road around Kitty Hawk Road and Highway 12 in Kitty Hawk, and caused extensive beach access damage along the towns. We are happy to report that almost none of that occurred during Florence, which is a testament to the damage reduction provided by these projects," Willson continued. "Furthermore, detailed analysis of how the projects performed in these conditions allow our engineers to improve future design of projects."

In the wake of Florence, there will be a push by impacted communities for help in restoring their shorelines to their full protective profile in advance of the winter nor'easters and prior to the start of next year's Atlantic hurricane season on June 1. State and federal officials will need to respond rapidly to this call for restoration, since mobilization of any such projects takes significant time and coordination, and the window for opportunity for restorative construction along this stretch of Atlantic coastline is often limited.

While the success of the Carolinas' coastline in standing up to Florence is the story today, looking ahead at similar storm scenarios in years to come underscores the need for a post-storm recovery and restoration plan that allows coastal communities to rely on state and federal partners to step up swiftly following a storm's landfall. Florence and similar catastrophic rain events in recent years also points out the need to build resilience throughout the watershed, to recognize that storms such as these are becoming more than coastal catastrophes bringing damaging impacts far inland and for far more days in duration.

The goal needs to be developing a response system starting at the federal level that enhances resilience and reduces risk, to aid local communities in reducing damages and accelerating recovery in a systemic and reliable response.

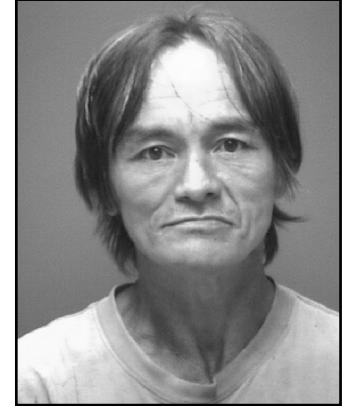
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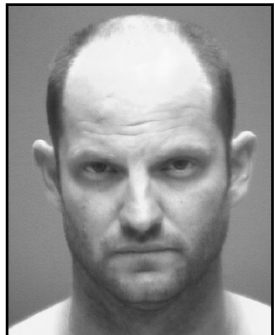
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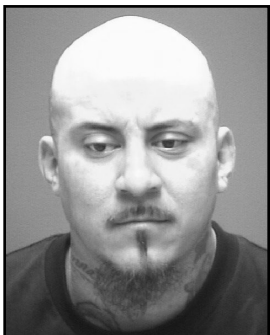
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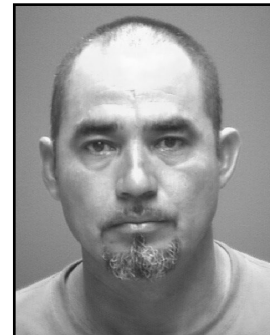
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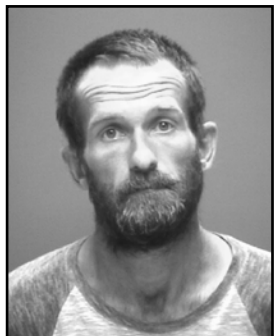
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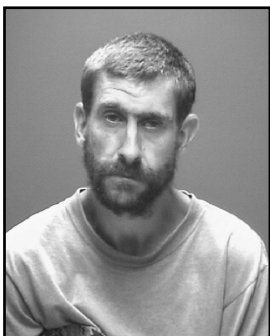
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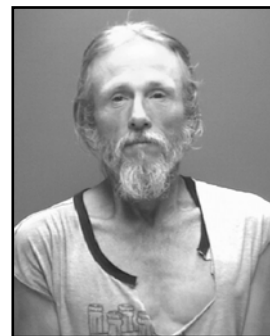
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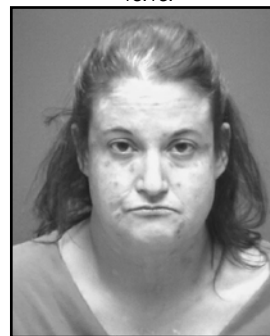
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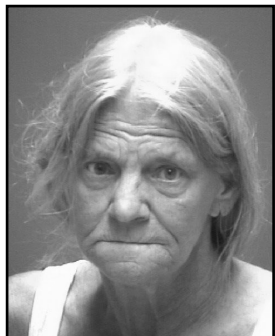
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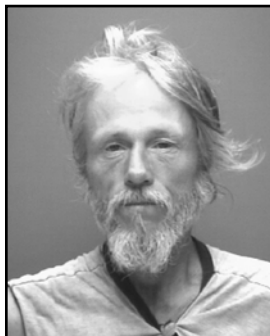
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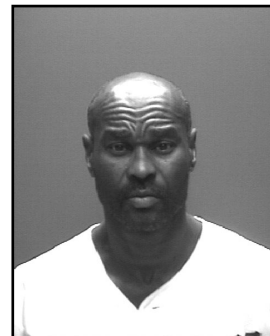
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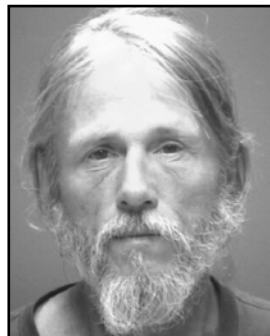
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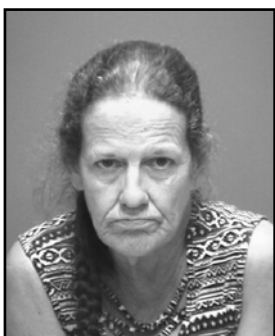
Mangum, Victor Jerome (B / M/49) Arrest on chrg of Poss Cs License (M), at Port Bolivar Ferry Landing, Port Bolivar, TX, on 9/9/2018 15:00.



Baker, Thomas Charles (W / M/51) Arrest on chrg of Poss Marij <2oz, M (M), at 2275 Hwy 87, Crystal Beach, TX, on 9/12/2018 14:55.



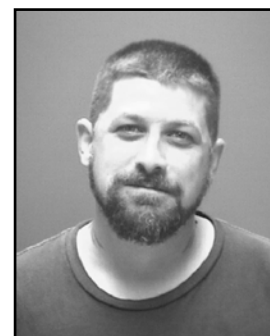
Garcia, Adon Lawrence (W / M/37) Arrest on chrg of Unserve Bond Condition Hold (M), at 900 17th St, Port Bolivar, TX, on 9/15/2018 18:11.



Wilson, Latitia Ann (W / F/59) Arrest on chrg of Man Del Cs Pg 1 >=4g<200g, F (F), at 1200 W Canal, Crystal Beach, TX, on 9/16/2018 00:08.



Parnell, Christopher Thomas (W / M/49) Arrest on chrg of Out Of County Warrant- (colorado Co), F (F), at 2715 Hwy 87, Crystal Beach, TX, on 9/17/2018 09:25.



Hindman, Dustin Wesley (W / M/36) Arrest on chrg of Agg Assault W/deadly Weapon, F (F), at 1107 Diamond Rd, Crystal Beach, TX, on 9/20/2018 14:33.



Brooks, Mindi Ann (W / F/43) Arrest on chrg of Evading Arrest Det W/veh, F (F), at 2713 Hwy 87, Crystal Beach, TX, on 9/20/2018 09:06.



Foster, Zachary Kent (W / M/23) Arrest on chrg of Poss Cs Pg 1 <1g, F (F), at 715 19th St, Galveston, TX, on 9/21/2018 14:45.



Cane, Eldridge Hardy (B / M/57) Arrest on chrg of 1) Assault Causes Bodily Injury Family Violence (M), 2) Out Of County Warrant (jefferson Co So) (M), and 3) Out Of County Warrant (hardin Co So) (M), at 966 Surfview, Crystal Beach, TX, on 9/28/2018 07:27.



Taylor, Robert Mark (W / M/35) Arrest on chrg of Intoxicated Assault W/vehicle Sbi (F), at 1554 Hwy 87, Crystal Beach, TX, on 9/29/2018 19:58.

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